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1. On 29 June 1954, a conference was held by top-level SED functionaries of the East Berlin city administration. At this conference, Ober-buergermeister Ebert reported on a congress held on the promotion of all-German relations in the field of local administration on 25 and 26 June in East Berlin.

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Ebert stated that a similar conference was scheduled to be held in Dresden from 20 to 23 August. The Oberbuergermeister of Dresden, Walter Weidauer, an SED expert in the field of local administration, had made arrangements for the discussion of two topics at the Dresden conference:

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a. The Position of Communities within the State

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b. Principles for City Planning and the Construction of Housing.

It was, however, also planned to discuss at this conference the extensive construction work connected with civil-defense measures in the era of the atom bomb. This was considered the best way to secure a propaganda platform for a fight against the remilitarization of Germany and for an international ban on the use

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to Ebert, the executive board of the "Committee for the promotion of German trade" had held its last session on 24 June and had resolved to intensify its endeavor for the expansion of intra-German trade and of East-West trade.

A special committee had been charged to make a supplement to the list of commodities which formed the basis of intra-German trade. It was the goal of all those concerned to increase the volume of inner-German trade to a total of one billion account units.

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3. Neumann complained about the absolutely inadequate support for the SED press. The goals fixed at the IV Party Congress had only been fulfilled 50 percent by 1 May 1954. The speaker stated that henceforth nobody would be accepted as a member of the SED who had not subscribed to the "Neues Deutschland".
4. According to Neumann, much more stress should be laid on the importance of sport for the promotion of the reunification of Germany. The "Staatliches Komitee fuer Koerperkultur und Sport" (State Sport Committee) had been ordered to intensify sport relations between West and East Germany. The factory sport groups should invite small West German sport associations and should refund all their expenses in a most liberal way. Although the receipts from the Laerenlotterie (probably a lottery organized in Berlin) and the football pool had lagged behind expectation by 20 to 25 percent respectively, the East German Government had made available enough foreign money for the execution of the missions mentioned. In this connection, Neumann pointed out that the greatest SED efforts should be concentrated on the promotion of the "Gesellschaft fuer Sport und Technik" (Athletic and Technical Association). This association had a membership of 4,200 in East Berlin, which was about 66 percent short of the goal fixed. For this reason, an extensive propaganda campaign for the association was to be started in Berlin. Neumann also stated that a special sport training course was to be established for West Germans at Ludwigsfelde. He said that qualified trainers for this course were greatly needed. These trainers should not only be excellent sportsmen but should also be well versed in Marxist ideology.

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